

"Come, poor fellow," said I to him, "if you have got into a hobble to-day, you shall not suffer for it; I'll take no advantage of you in misfortune; the forest is large enough both for you and me to rove in: go your way up above, and enjoy yourself in these endless wilds. It is more than probable you will never have another interview with man. So fare thee well." On saying this, I took a long stick which was lying there, held it for him to hook on, and then conveyed him to a high and stately tree. He ascended with wonderful rapidity, and in about a minute he was almost at the top of the tree. He now went off in a side direction, and caught hold of the branch of a neighbouring tree; he then proceeded towards the heart of the forest. I stood looking on, lost in amazement at his singular mode of progress. I followed him with my eye till the intervening branches closed in betwixt us, and then I lost sight for ever of the two-toed sloth. I was going to add, that I never saw a sloth take to his heels in such earnest; but the expression will not do, for the sloth has no heels.

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### THE CALIFORNIAN GRIZZLY.

THE grizzly bear is the largest and most formidable of the quadrupeds of California. He grows to be four feet high and seven feet long, with a weight, when very large